



Sandford St. Martin's

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Encouraging Your Child's Reading for Pleasure: Our school library catalogue online and introducing 'Who Next' and the iMLS App

Dear Parent / Carer

Our school is strongly committed to improving literacy and we know the importance of reading for pleasure. There is strong evidence to suggest that young people who read for pleasure daily perform better in reading tests than those who never do. We want to encourage children to enjoy reading and to read a wide range of good quality literature.

I am delighted to inform you that the school has recently made a significant investment in our library with the introduction of a new online version of our library catalogue. The new system allows pupils, staff and parents to view our school library catalogue online and pupils are encouraged to use this to help with research, to write reviews about books they have read and search for new books and other library resources.

The system includes a fantastic new feature called 'Who Next' which recommends new books and authors based on the books that your child has already read. You will be able to use this feature at home to help your child select their next book.

You can access the system directly using the following link: <https://u016327.microlibrarian.net/> This link is available to click on at the top of our school website under 'Helpful Links'.

If you have access to an iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Android phone, then you can also download a new App called '**iMLS**' to access the library from those devices. The app is available from the App Store and Android Market.

Having the library accessible in this way and having parents engaged with reading, will help to support our commitment to improving literacy standards. You will be provided with your child's log-on 'user name' which is a 4 digit barcode number. Their password is their date of birth written as numbers with no punctuation – for example a birth date of the 19th of March 2008 would be entered as 19032008.

We hope you find the new library system useful and welcome any feedback you may have. We really want the children to take ownership of the new library and grow it to be a resource that inspires and excites them.

Many thanks,

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